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SUBJ: MARCONA EXPROPRIATION

- 1. FISHERIES MINISTER TANTALEAM CALLED AMBASSADOR AFTER-NOON JULY 31 TO THANK HIM AND THROUGH HIM USG FOR ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION IN WASHINGTON OF MRS. TANTALEAN. HE SAID THAT MRS. TANTALEAN AND MRS. CONSUELO VELASCO, WIFE OF PRESIDENT VELASCO, WERE LEAVING EVENING OF JULY 31 ON BRANIFF FOR NEW YORK, WHERE THEY WOULD BE MET AUGUST 1 BY AMBASSADOR ARCE AND ESCORTED TO WASHINGTON.
- 2. AMBASSADOR TOOK OCCASION TO BRIEF MINISTER TANTALEAN ON MARCONA EXPROPRIATION PROBLEM AND SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THIS PROBLEM VIEWED IN U.S. AND IMPORTANCE OF REESTABLISHMENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN COMPANY AND GOP. ALTHOUGH THIS PROBLEM NOT HIS IMMEDIATE CONCERN, TANTALEAN EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR BRIEFING AND SAID HE UNDERSTOOD SERIOUSNESS OF PROBLEM AS DESCRIBED BY AMBASSADOR. HE AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE INDEED IF IMPROVED AND IMPROVING RELATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WERE TO SUFFER SERIOUS SETBACK AS

RESULT FAILURE TO NEGOTIATE PROBLEM OUT.

- 3. THIS WAS ESSENTIALLY SAME REACTION THAT AMBASSADOR RECEIVED THIS AFTERNOON FROM FONOFF SECGEN GARCIA BEDOYA, WHO SAID FONOFF IN TOUCH WITH MINISTER OF MINES ON THIS MATTER. GENERAL VILLALOBOS, RIGHT-HAND MAN TO PRIME MINISTER, EXPRESSED SAME SENTIMENTS DURING AMBASSADOR'S LENGTHY CONVERSATION WITH HIM THIS QUESTION. AMBASSADOR URGENTLY REQUESTING APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER (WHO DEPARTING FOR LA PAZ TUESDAY, AUGUST 5) AND HAS CONFIRMED APPOINTMENT WITH FONMIN DE LA FLOR FOR 5 P.M. AUGUST 4. WE HOPE THAT BY AUGUST 5 SERIOUSNESS OF MARCONA ISSUE WILL BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD AT POLITICAL-CABINET LEVEL GOP AND READY TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA REGULAR WEEKLY CABINET MEETING SCHEDULED THAT DAY (AUGUST 5).
- 4. COMMENT: WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAMMER AWAY AT CABINET AND SUB-CABINET LEVEL TO CONVEY OUR MESSAGE TO SENIOR ELEMENTS OF THE GOP.

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